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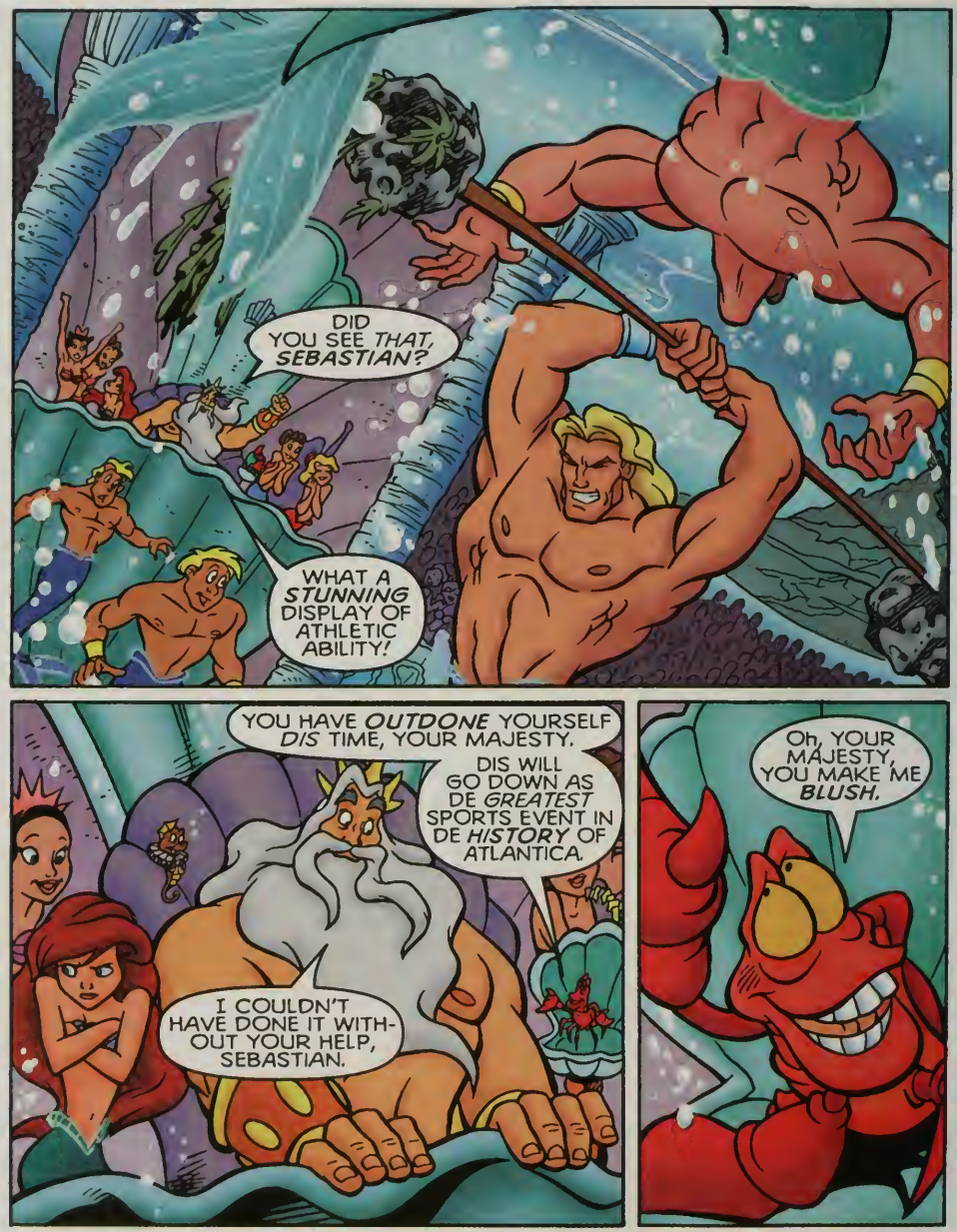
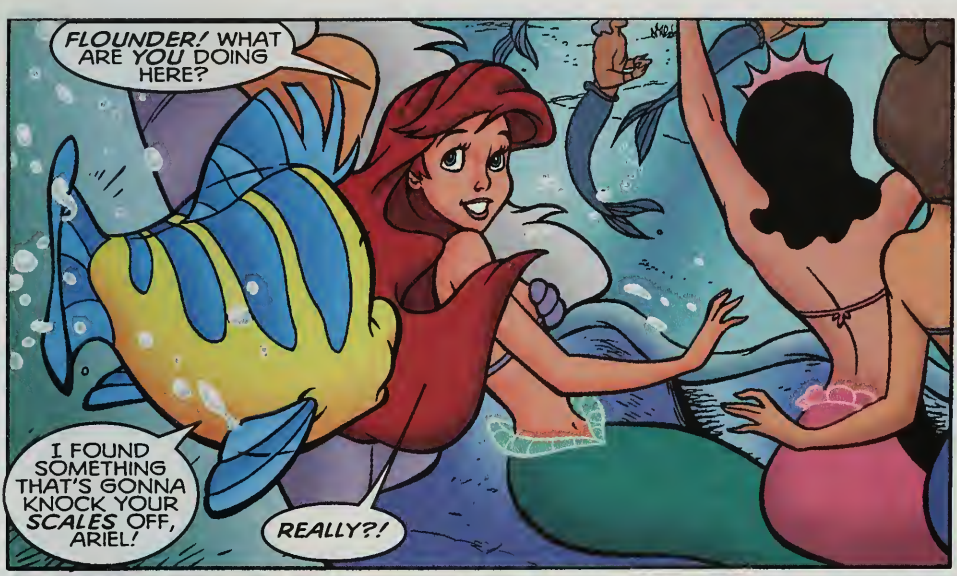
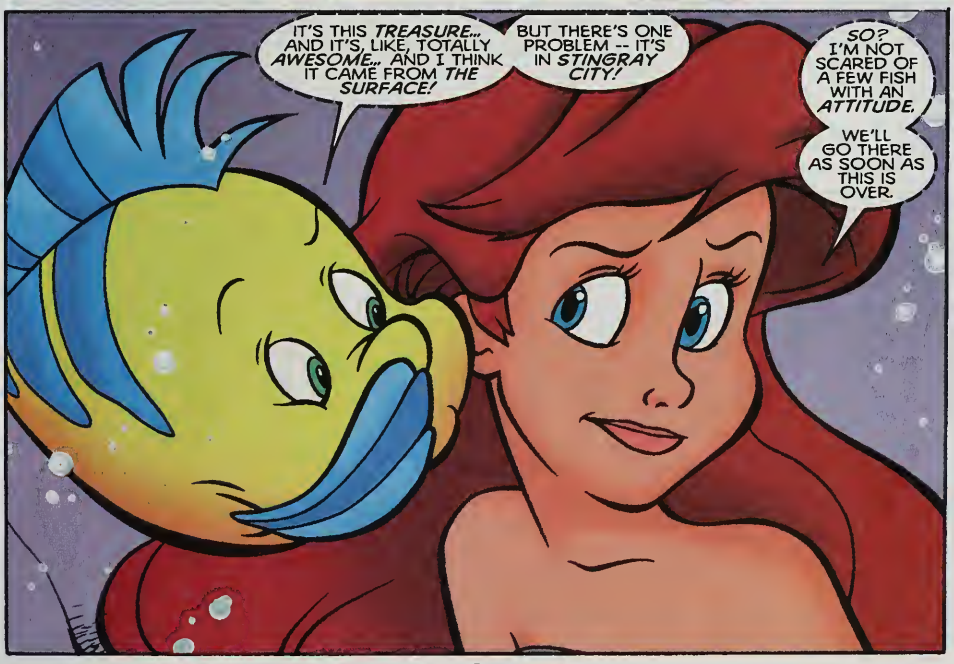
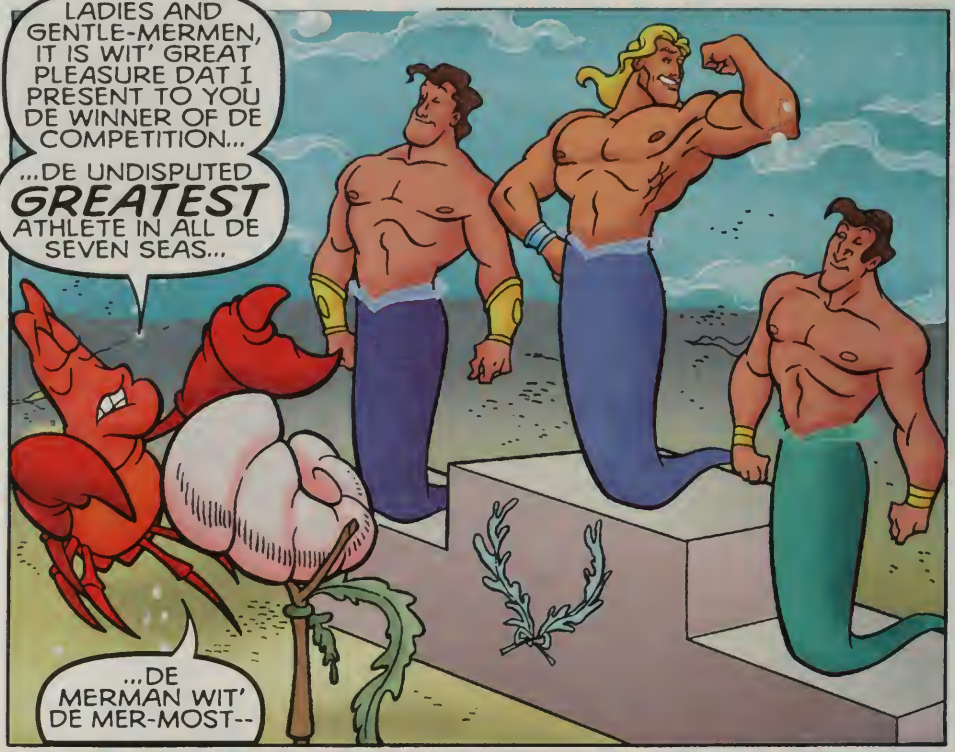
KING TRITON HOSTS THE ANNUAL ATLANTICA OLYMPICS...
WHAT A GLORIOUS DAY!
I COULDN'T ASK FOR A MORE EXCITING COMPETITION! THE ATHLETES HAVE NEVER BEEN BETTER!
NOR BRAVER!
NOR MORE EXCITING!

SURE, IF YOUR IDEA OF EXCITEMENT IS A BUNCH OF MUSCLE-HEADED *MERMEN* WHOSE BIGGEST THRILL IN LIFE IS TO PLAY SILLY *GAMES*.
DID YOU *SAY* SOMETHING, *ARIEL*?
WHY, N-*NO*, DADDY, I--


DID YOU SEE *THAT*, ***SEBASTIAN?***
WHAT A ***STUNNING*** DISPLAY OF ATHLETIC ABILITY!
YOU HAVE ***OUTDONE*** YOURSELF *DIS* TIME, YOUR MAJESTY.
DIS WILL GO DOWN AS DE *GREATEST* SPORTS EVENT IN DE ***HISTORY*** OF ATLANTICA.
I COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT YOUR HELP, SEBASTIAN.
Oh, YOUR MAJESTY, YOU MAKE ME ***BLUSH.***

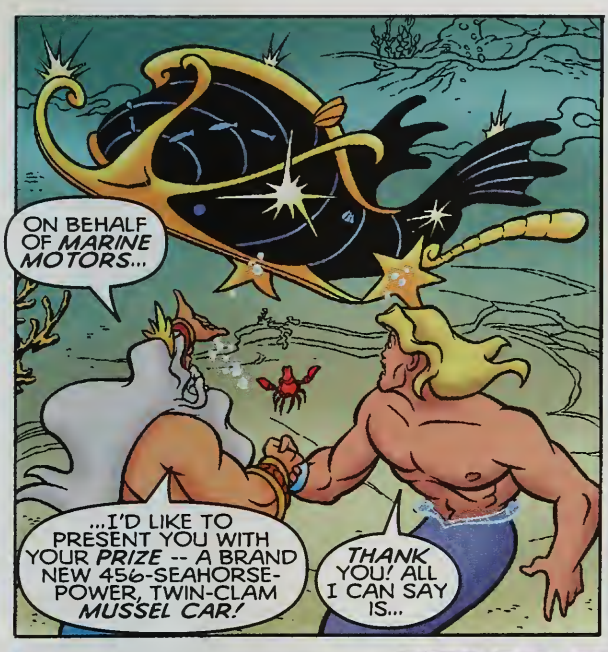

FLOUNDER! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
I FOUND SOMETHING THAT'S GONNA KNOCK YOUR SCALES OFF, ARIEL!
REALLY?!


IT'S THIS TREASURE... AND IT'S, LIKE, TOTALLY AWESOME... AND I THINK IT CAME FROM THE SURFACE!
BUT THERE'S ONE PROBLEM -- IT'S IN STINGRAY CITY!
SO? I'M NOT SCARED OF A FEW FISH WITH AN ATTITUDE.
WE'LL GO THERE AS SOON AS THIS IS OVER.


LADIES AND GENTLE-MERMEN, IT IS WIT' GREAT PLEASURE DAT I PRESENT TO YOU DE WINNER OF DE COMPETITION...
...DE UNDISPUTED GREATEST ATHLETE IN ALL DE SEVEN SEAS...
...DE MERMAN WIT' DE MER-MOST--

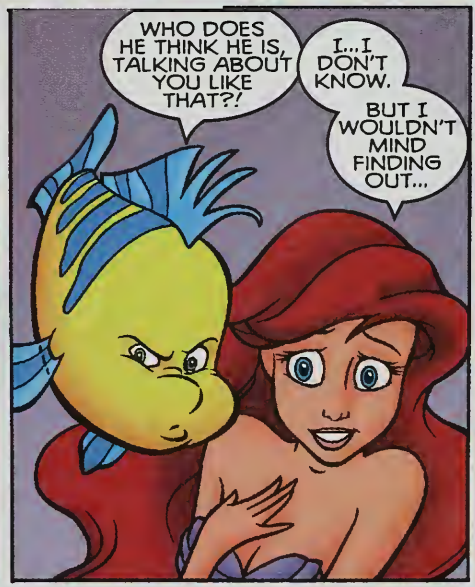
-:HARUMPH:- SEBASTIAN, CAN WE GET ON WITH IT?

-- -:AHEM:-
AQUARIUS!


ON BEHALF OF *MARINE MOTORS*...
...I'D LIKE TO PRESENT YOU WITH YOUR *PRIZE* -- A BRAND NEW 456-SEAHORSE-POWER, TWIN-CLAM *MUSSEL CAR!*
*THANK* YOU! ALL I CAN SAY IS...

...YOU COULD NOT HAVE PRESENTED IT TO A MORE *DESERVING* MER-PERSON...
WHAT A *SURPRISE*. HIS *EGO* IS EVEN *BIGGER* THAN HIS *MUSCLES*--

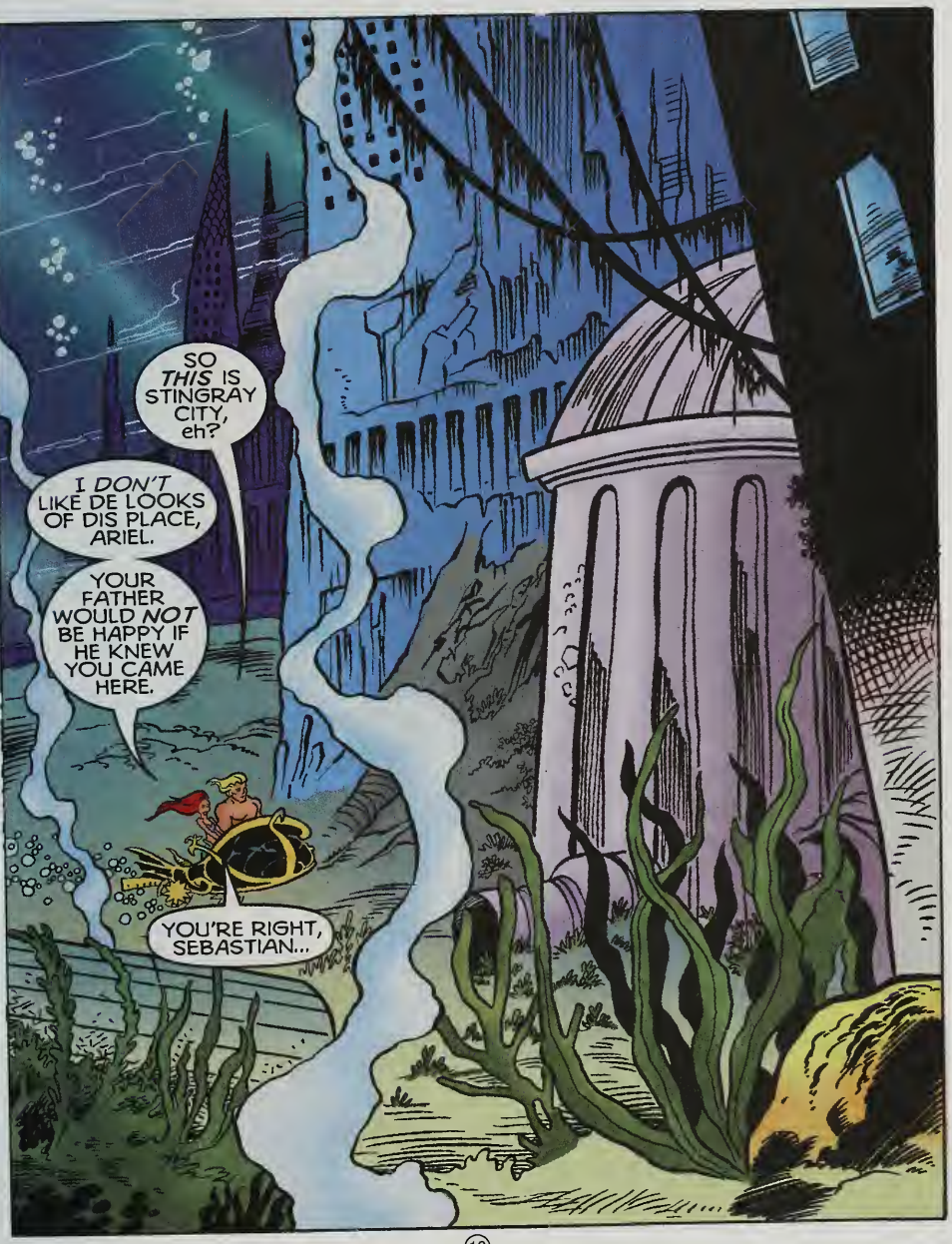
...WITH THE POSSIBLE EXCEPTION OF KING TRITON'S DAUGHTER, *ARIEL*... TO WHOM I *DEDICATE* THIS VICTORY.

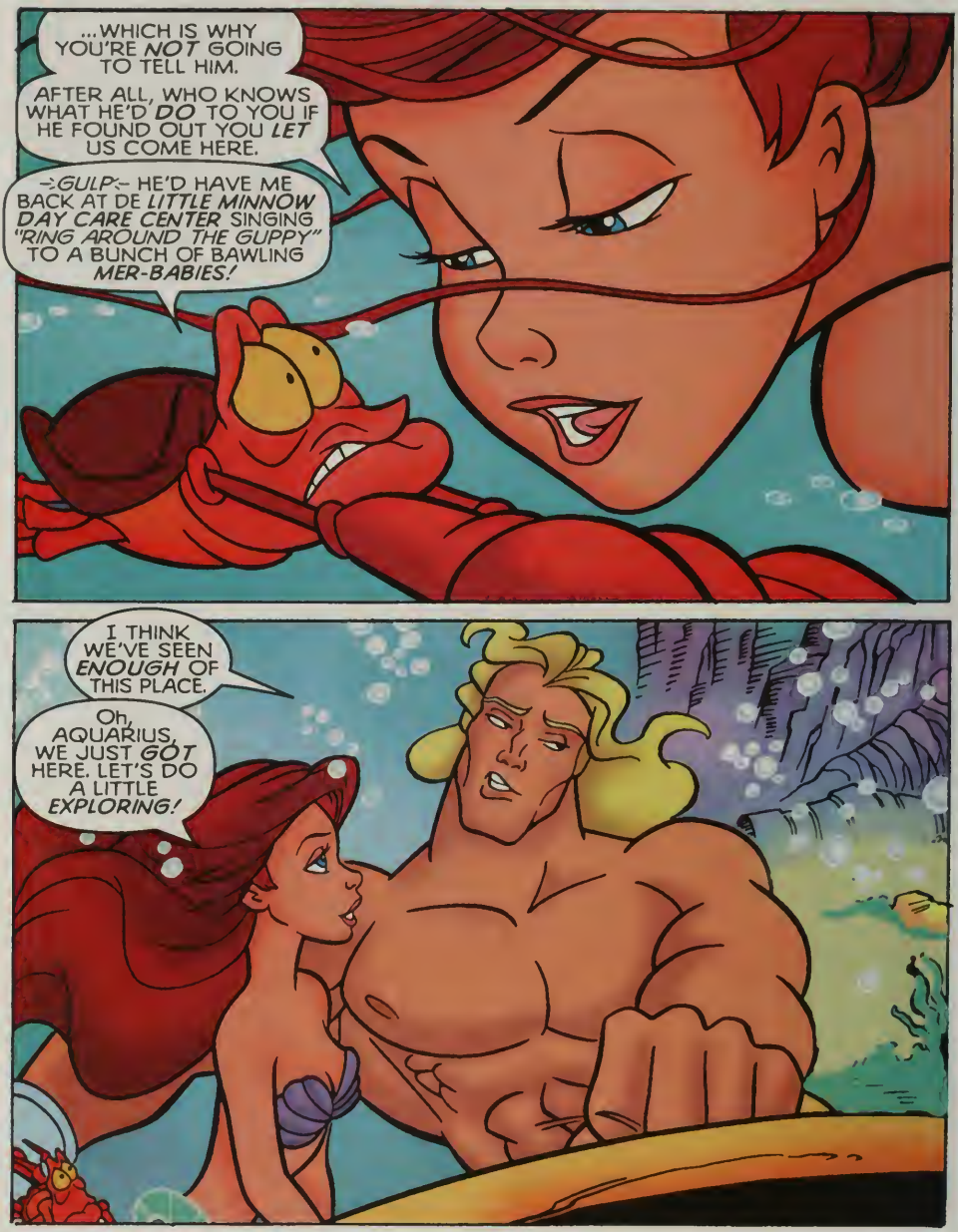

WHO DOES HE THINK HE IS, TALKING ABOUT YOU LIKE THAT?!
I...I DON'T KNOW.
BUT I WOULDN'T MIND FINDING OUT...

YOUR MAJESTY, WITH YOUR PERMISSION, I'D LIKE TO ASK ARIEL TO ACCOMPANY ME ON MY FIRST DRIVE.
I WOULD BE PROUD TO HAVE A HERO LIKE YOURSELF TAKE MY DAUGHTER FOR A RIDE, AQUARIUS.
THAT IS, IF IT'S ALL RIGHT WITH ARIEL.
I...I'D BE DELIGHTED TO GO WITH YOU, AQUARIUS.
BUT, ARIEL, WHAT ABOUT OUR PLANS?
I'M STILL GOING, FLOUNDER, -- I'M JUST GETTING A LIFT. MEET ME THERE.

YOUR MAJESTY, PERHAPS YOU SHOULD T'INK TWICE ABOUT LETTING DE TWO OF DEM DRIVE OFF BY *DEMSELVES.*
DESE YOUNG PEOPLE TODAY, DEY GET IN ALL *KINDS* OF TROUBLE! ESPECIALLY *ARIEL!*
Hmmm... I SEE YOUR *POINT,* SEBASTIAN.
*SEBASTIAN* HAS VOLUNTEERED TO GO ALONG WITH YOU AS YOUR *CHAPERONE.*
*WHAT?!*
DAT IS *NOT* WHAT I SAID!
DON'T BE SO *MODEST,* SEBASTIAN! WHEN YOU *HAVE* A GOOD IDEA, YOU SHOULD TAKE *CREDIT* FOR IT!

SO WHERE WOULD YOU LIKE TO GO, ARIEL? CORAL CANYON? ANGELFISH FALLS? THE GOLDEN GROTTO?
Hmmm... ALL THOSE PLACES SOUND NICE...BUT I WAS THINKING OF...
...STINGRAY CITY!
STINGRAY CITY?! DE GIRL IS CRAZY! DON'T LISTEN TO HER!
ISN'T THAT PLACE SUPPOSED TO BE... DANGEROUS?
Oh, THOSE ARE JUST STORIES.
YOU'RE NOT SCARED, ARE YOU?
STINGRAY CITY
SCARED? ME? NO, OF COURSE NOT. I WAS JUST, um... WORRIED ABOUT YOU.
LET'S ROLL!


SO *THIS* IS STINGRAY CITY, eh?
I *DON'T* LIKE DE LOOKS OF DIS PLACE, ARIEL.
YOUR FATHER WOULD *NOT* BE HAPPY IF HE KNEW YOU CAME HERE.
YOU'RE RIGHT, SEBASTIAN...

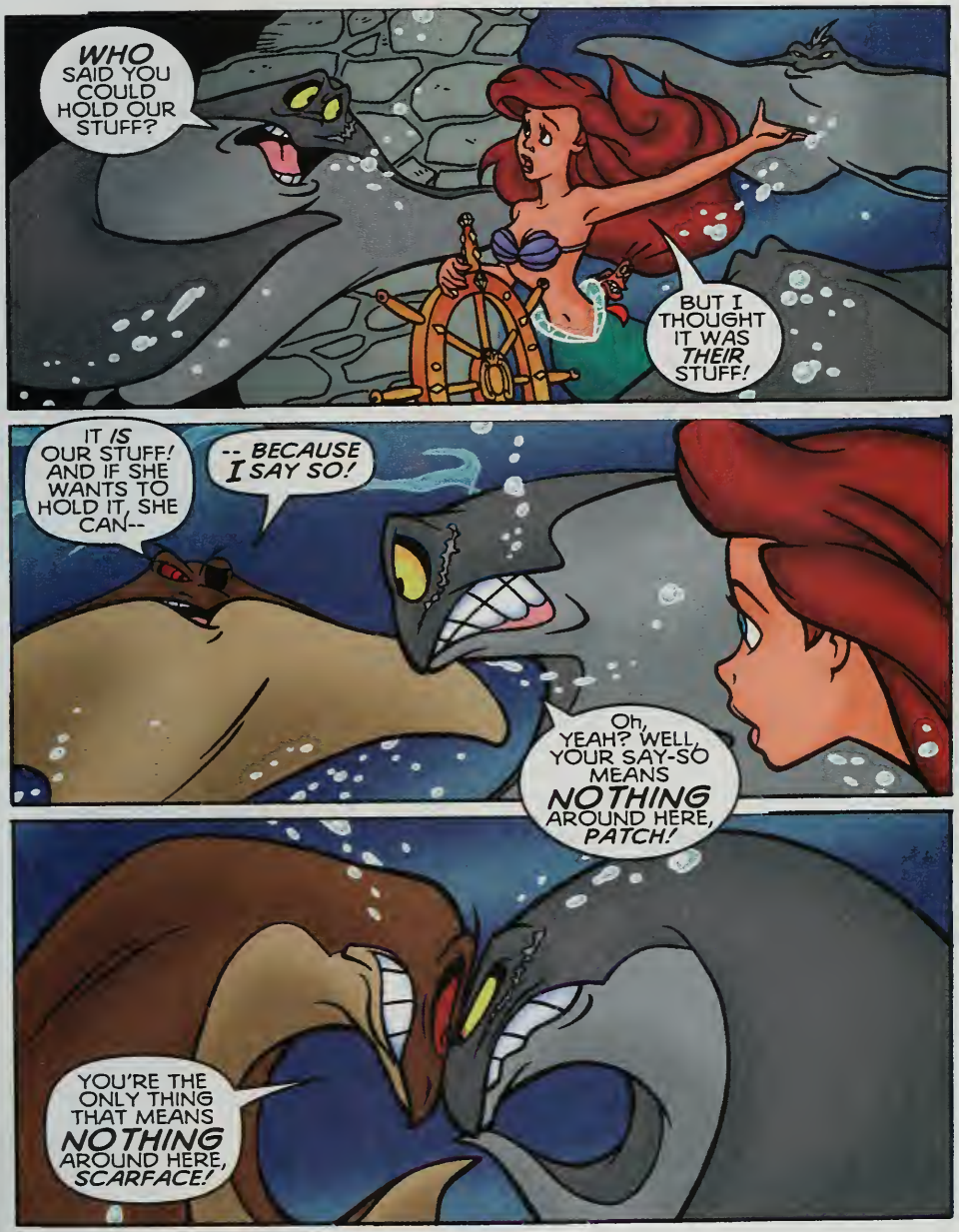

...WHICH IS WHY YOU'RE *NOT* GOING TO TELL HIM.
AFTER ALL, WHO KNOWS WHAT HE'D *DO* TO YOU IF HE FOUND OUT YOU *LET* US COME HERE.
-:GULP:- HE'D HAVE ME BACK AT DE *LITTLE MINNOW DAY CARE CENTER* SINGING *"RING AROUND THE GUPPY"* TO A BUNCH OF BAWLING *MER-BABIES!*
I THINK WE'VE SEEN *ENOUGH* OF THIS PLACE.
Oh, AQUARIUS, WE JUST *GOT* HERE. LET'S DO A LITTLE *EXPLORING!*

LOOK! FLOUNDER WAS RIGHT!
WHAT IS IT?
I DON'T KNOW, BUT IT'S BEAUTIFUL!
IT'S TROUBLE, I TELL YOU. TROUBLE WIT'A CAPITAL "T"!

PUT DAT DOWN, GIRL! YOU KNOW YOUR FATHER DOESN'T LIKE YOU MESSING WIT' T'INGS MADE BY HUMANS.
HUMANS MADE THIS?! PEOPLE FROM THE SURFACE?
OF COURSE DEY DID! AND DOSE PEOPLE, DEY AIN'T NOTHING BUT BAD NEWS, TAKE IT FROM ME!
MAYBE YOU'RE RIGHT, BUT JUST TO BE SAFE I THINK WE SHOULD GET IN THE CAR AND LEAVE.
DE BOY IS TALKING SENSE. LET'S GO.
LEAVING SO SOON? BUT YOU'RE JUST IN TIME FOR LUNCH.
GULP!

I WOULDN'T TAKE THAT IF *I* WERE YOU.
IF YOU HAVE ANY-THING TO *SAY*, SAY IT TO *ME*, STINGRAY!
I'M JUST CONCERNED FOR YOUR FRIEND'S *HEALTH*.
Y'SEE, THE *LONGER* SHE HOLDS ON TO *OUR* STUFF, THE *LESS HEALTHY* SHE'S LIKELY TO BECOME!

HEY, BOSS! LOOK AT THAT!
STAY AWAY FROM MY CAR!
NICE SET OF CLAMS!
IT'S BRAND-NEW, BOSS! STILL HAS THAT NEW SHELL SMELL.
OOF!
AND ALL ALONG I THOUGHT IT WAS ME HE CARED ABOUT.
I'M AFRAID AQUARIUS IS LIKE A LOT OF MERMEN HIS AGE -- DEY LIKE DE PRETTY MERMAIDS, BUT DEY LIKE DE PRETTY CARS EVEN BETTER!

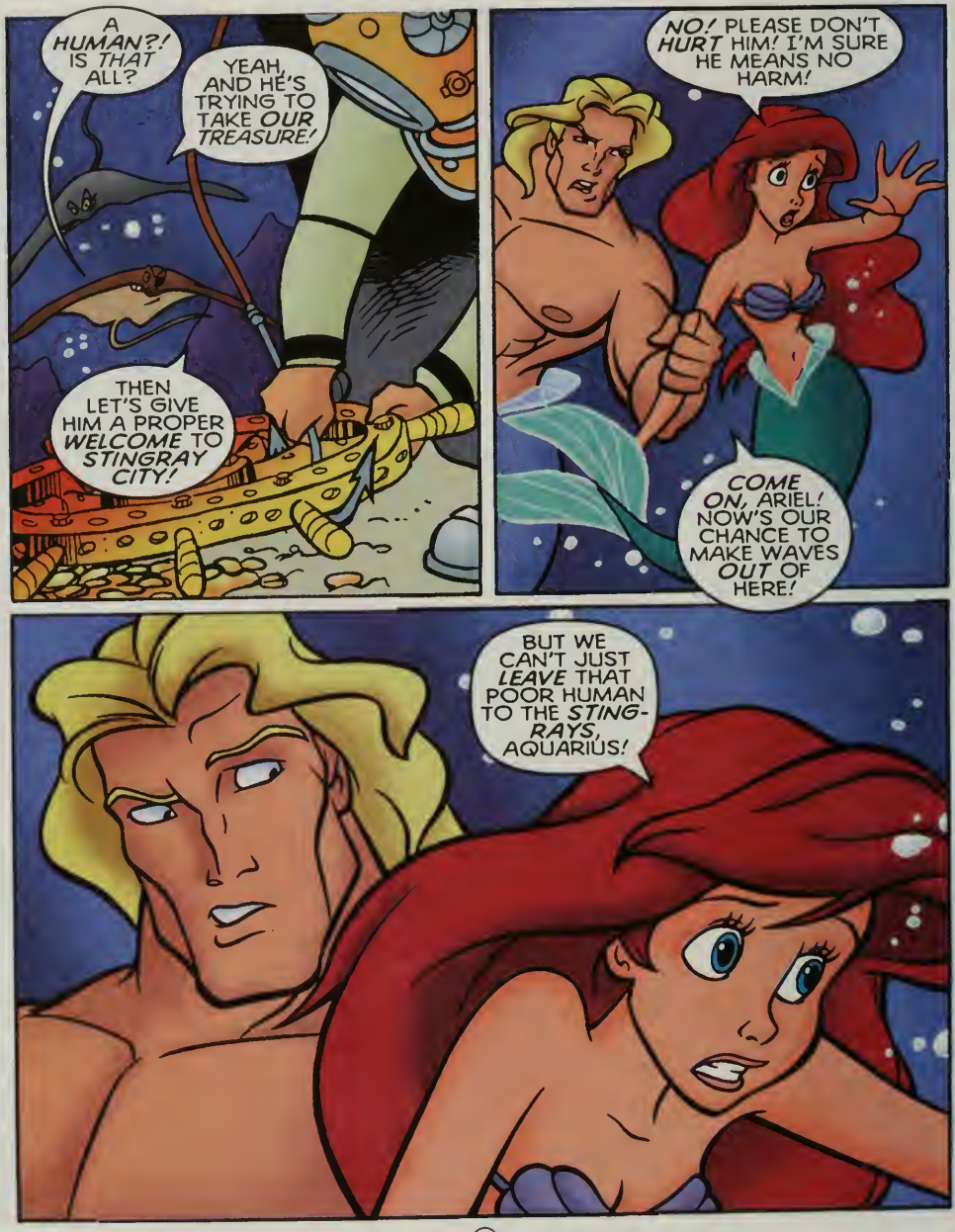

WHO SAID YOU COULD HOLD OUR STUFF?
BUT I THOUGHT IT WAS THEIR STUFF!
IT IS OUR STUFF! AND IF SHE WANTS TO HOLD IT, SHE CAN--
-- BECAUSE I SAY SO!
Oh, YEAH? WELL, YOUR SAY-SO MEANS NOTHING AROUND HERE, PATCH!
YOU'RE THE ONLY THING THAT MEANS NOTHING AROUND HERE, SCARFACE!

DID YOU EVER SEE ANYT'ING SO *RIDICULOUS*--?
TWO SCHOOLS OF STINGRAYS ABOUT TO FIGHT OVER SOMET'ING DAT *NEITHER* OF DEM HAS ANY *USE* FOR!
PLEASE, THERE'S *NO* NEED TO FIGHT. YOU DON'T EVEN *NEED* THIS!
IT'S NOT ABOUT *NEED*, MERMAID. IT'S ABOUT *RESPECT*.
YEAH, RESPECT. AS *BOTTOM-FEEDERS*, WE STINGRAYS DON'T GET MUCH RESPECT.
BUT WE'LL *GET* RESPECT IF EVERYONE KNOWS THIS TREASURE BELONGS TO *US*!

DON'T WASTE YOUR BUBBLES TALKING TO THESE PUNK *RAYS*, ARIEL.
DO YOU *REALLY* THINK ANYTHING YOU'RE SAYING WILL *SINK IN*? *NO WAY!*
AQUARIUS, YOU'RE RUINING *EVERYTHING!*
FISH-BOY IS RIGHT! IT'S NOT EVEN WORTH *TRYING* TO TALK SENSE TO *YOU!*
YEAH, WELL, MAYBE *THIS* WILL "SINK IN"...
NO! *PLEASE!* THERE'S NO NEED TO *FIGHT!*

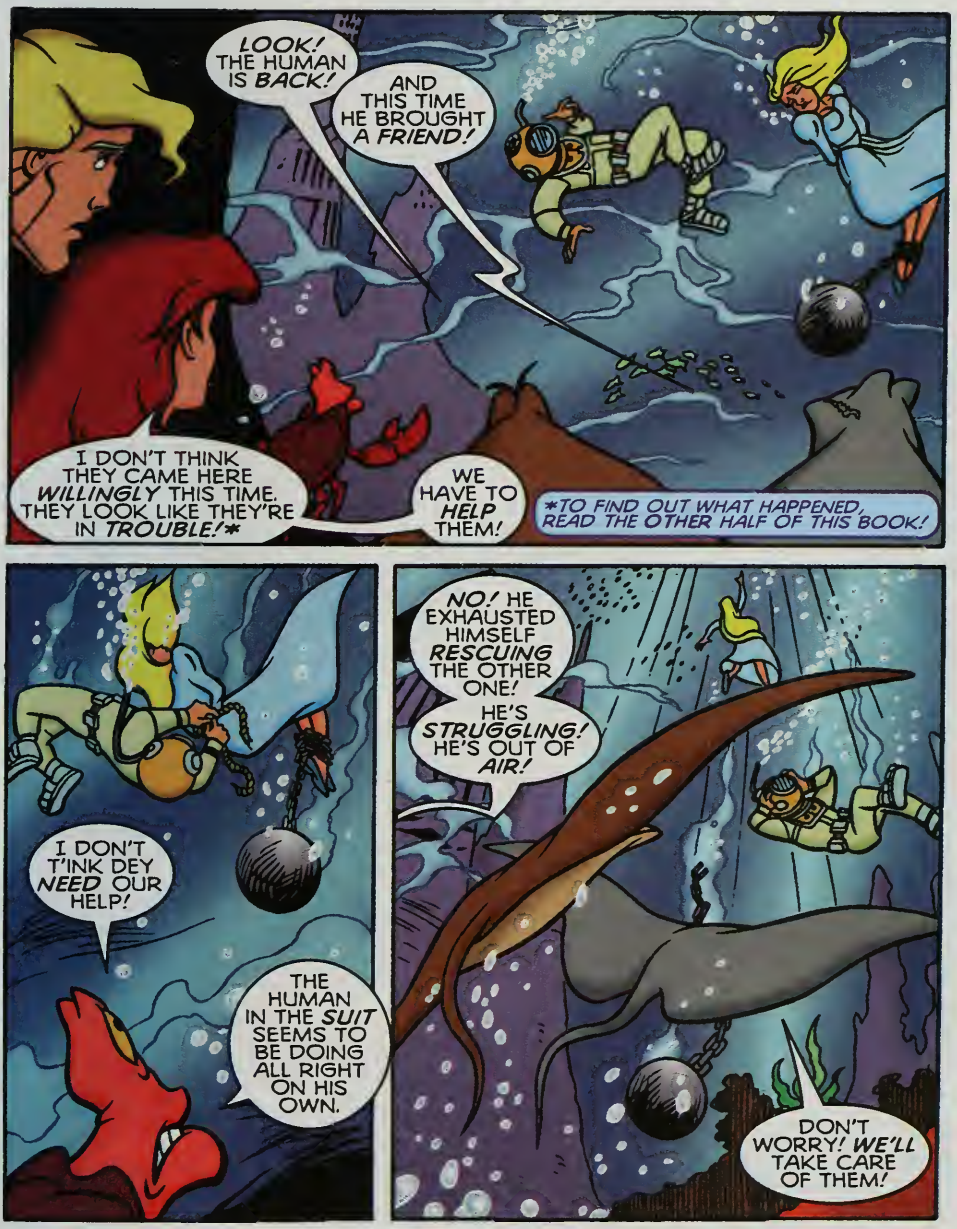
LOOK OUT! IT'S...
...A M.O.N.S.T.E.R.!

THAT'S NOT A MONSTER. THAT'S A HUMAN.
HE'S JUST WEARING SPECIAL CLOTHES SO HE CAN STAY UNDERWATER.


A HUMAN?! IS THAT ALL?
YEAH, AND HE'S TRYING TO TAKE OUR TREASURE!
THEN LET'S GIVE HIM A PROPER WELCOME TO STINGRAY CITY!
NO! PLEASE DON'T HURT HIM! I'M SURE HE MEANS NO HARM!
COME ON, ARIEL! NOW'S OUR CHANCE TO MAKE WAVES OUT OF HERE!
BUT WE CAN'T JUST LEAVE THAT POOR HUMAN TO THE STING-RAYS, AQUARIUS!

HE'S REACHING FOR SOMETHING!
I'LL TEAR HIS ARM OFF BEFORE HE CAN GIVE US ANY--
--SNACKS?!!
THIS IS ONE HUMAN WHO KNOWS HOW TO SHOW PROPER RESPECT!
I'LL SAY!
DID HE BRING ANY MUSTARD?

YOU WERE *RIGHT*, ARIEL. WE *DIDN'T* NEED THAT TREASURE.
WE'RE BETTER OFF *WITHOUT* IT. WE HAVE NO *REASON* TO FIGHT NOW.
*SEBASTIAN* WAS THE ONE WHO GAVE ME THE IDEA.
SHUCKS, IT WAS NOTHING. ALL I *SAID* WAS--
WAY TA GO, CRAB-CAKES!
WHOA!


LOOK! THE HUMAN IS BACK!
AND THIS TIME HE BROUGHT A FRIEND!
I DON'T THINK THEY CAME HERE WILLINGLY THIS TIME. THEY LOOK LIKE THEY'RE IN TROUBLE!*
WE HAVE TO HELP THEM!
*TO FIND OUT WHAT HAPPENED, READ THE OTHER HALF OF THIS BOOK!
I DON'T T'INK DEY NEED OUR HELP!
THE HUMAN IN THE SUIT SEEMS TO BE DOING ALL RIGHT ON HIS OWN.
NO! HE EXHAUSTED HIMSELF RESCUING THE OTHER ONE!
HE'S STRUGGLING! HE'S OUT OF AIR!
DON'T WORRY! WE'LL TAKE CARE OF THEM!

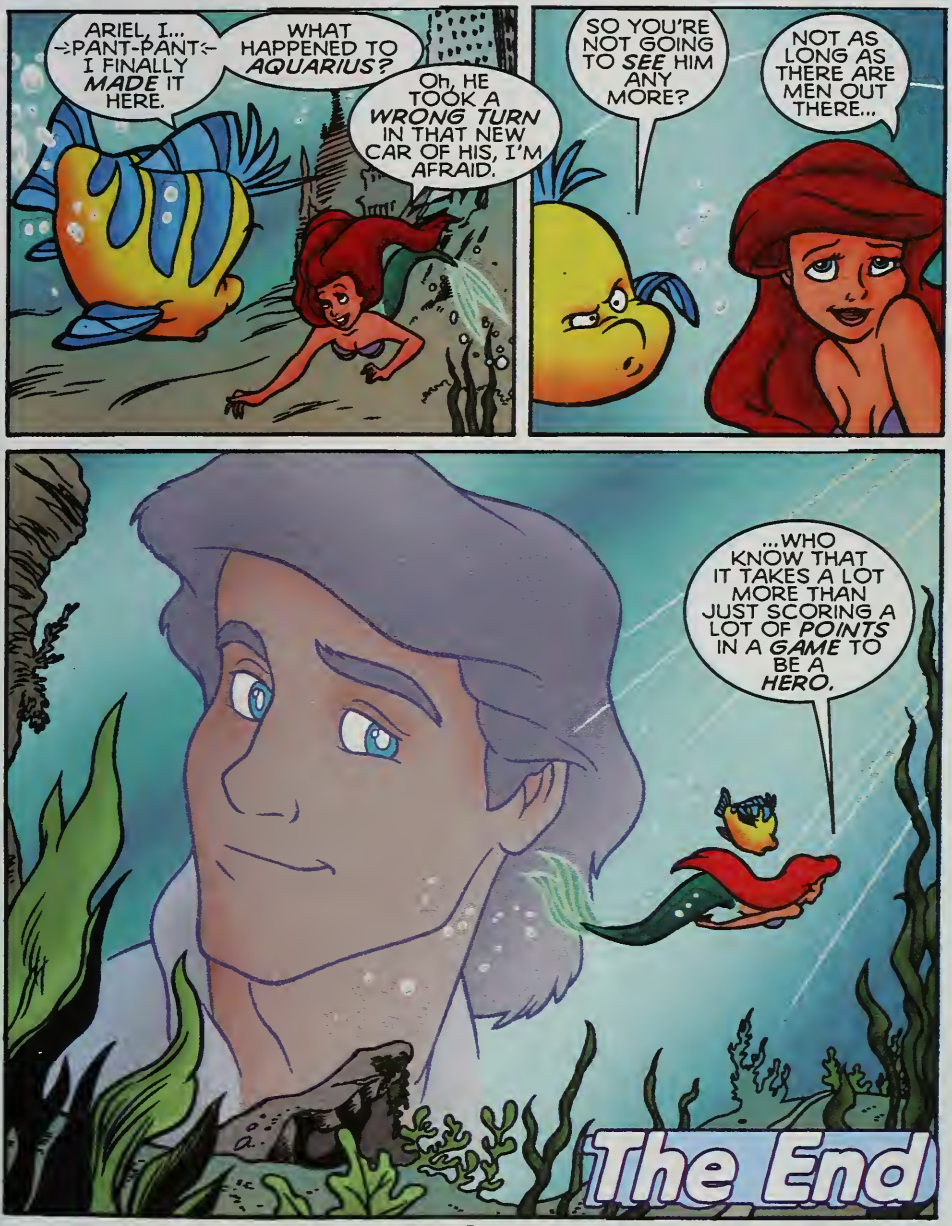
COME ON, SEBASTIAN! WHY CRAWL LIKE A CRAB WHEN YOU CAN RACE WITH THE RAYS?!
NO! DE ROYAL COMPOSER DOES NOT "RACE WIT' DE RAYS"!
HE'D RATHER SIT LIKE A SNAIL!
HELP!!

-:SIGH:-
THAT WAS... BEAUTIFUL.
HE RISKED HIS OWN LIFE TO SAVE HERS.
I'M SO HAPPY THAT THINGS TURNED OUT THE WAY THEY DID...
...THE STINGRAYS ARE FRIENDS NOW, AND THE HUMANS ARE SAFE...

AND WE'RE FINALLY *ALONE.*
AND WHAT'S *THAT* SUPPOSED TO MEAN?
BUT I THOUGHT--

THINKING -- THAT'S YOUR PROBLEM!
IT'S NOT SOMETHING YOU DO VERY WELL!
BUT OF EVERYONE IN THE ARENA, I CHOSE YOU FOR A RIDE IN MY BRAND NEW CAR--
--WHICH YOU SEEM TO CARE MORE ABOUT THAN ANYTHING ELSE!
ALL YOU CARE ABOUT IS YOUR-SELF!

THE HUMANS ARE *SAFE*, ARIEL!
I THINK THEY HAVE EVEN *MORE* RESPECT FOR US *NOW!*
THAT'S *WONDERFUL!*
IT'S BEEN A *PLEASURE* MEETING YOU ALL.
YOU HAVE TO LEAVE SO SOON?
I'M AFRAID SO. BUT MY *FRIEND'S* NOT GOING ANYWHERE.
*NO!* STAY AWAY FROM MY *CAR!*
ARIEL, PLEASE TELL DE KING I'LL BE BACK TOMORROW.
I'M GOING TO HANG HERE ANOTHER DAY WIT' MY NEW *FRIENDS!*
NO PROBLEM, SEBASTIAN!


ARIEL, I... -PANT-PANT- I FINALLY MADE IT HERE.
WHAT HAPPENED TO AQUARIUS?
Oh, HE TOOK A WRONG TURN IN THAT NEW CAR OF HIS, I'M AFRAID.
SO YOU'RE NOT GOING TO SEE HIM ANY MORE?
NOT AS LONG AS THERE ARE MEN OUT THERE...
...WHO KNOW THAT IT TAKES A LOT MORE THAN JUST SCORING A LOT OF POINTS IN A GAME TO BE A HERO.
The End

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YOUR MAJESTY, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, MAY I PRESENT PRINCE ERIC AND HIS ROYAL ADVISOR, GRIMSBY!
ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF OUR GLORIOUS KINGDOM OF GLOWERHAVEN, I WELCOME YOU...
...TO THIS, THE CELEBRATION OF YOUR ENGAGEMENT TO MY DAUGHTER!

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YOU HONOR US WITH YOUR PRESENCE, PRINCE ERIC!
THE HONOR IS ALL MINE, KING HAROLD.
TO MARRY SOMEONE AS WONDERFUL AS PRINCESS PENELOPE IS MORE THAN ANY MAN COULD EVER HOPE FOR.
IT'S NOT EASY BEING PRINCE, GRIMSBY.
YOU DID VERY WELL, MY BOY.
YOU NEARLY CONVINCED ME THAT YOU ARE MARRYING THE PRINCESS OUT OF LOVE...
...INSTEAD OF WHAT WE BOTH KNOW TO BE THE REAL REASON!
I KNOW THE REASON -- HER FATHER AND MINE ARRANGED THIS MARRIAGE TO KEEP THE PEACE BETWEEN OUR TWO KINGDOMS.
AS THE PRINCE, IT'S YOUR DUTY TO MARRY HER.
AT LEAST SHE'S BEAUTIFUL.
SHE IS, BUT THAT'S NOT ENOUGH... AT LEAST NOT FOR ME.

FOR THIS EVENING'S *ENTERTAINMENT*, MY DAUGHTER WILL PRESENT US WITH A *PIANO* RECITAL.
PRINCE ERIC, IT'S VERY RUDE TO SLEEP THROUGH YOUR FIANCE'S PERFORMANCE.
Oh, um... *SORRY*, GRIMSBY. I WAS JUST IMAGINING MYSELF...
...SOMEWHERE *ELSE*.

SOON, AFTER THE RECITAL ENDS...
YOU PLAY BEAUTIFULLY, PRINCESS PENELOPE.
THAT'S SO KIND OF YOU, PRINCE ERIC.
I LOVE TO PLAY THE PIANO.
THE SEA IS WHAT I LOVE -- THE SMELL OF THE SALTY AIR, THE CRASHING OF THE WAVES, THE WIND IN MY FACE!
THERE'S NOWHERE I'D RATHER BE THAN ON A FAST SHIP SAILING TO PARTS UNKNOWN!
BUT SHIPS ARE SO COLD AND DAMP...
...JUST LIKE THIS CASTLE. I WISH WE LIVED FAR AWAY FROM THE OCEAN, SOMEPLACE WHERE IT'S WARM AND DRY!
IF WE LIVED IN A PLACE LIKE THAT, I'D BE HAPPY TO STAY INSIDE ALL THE TIME.
YES, I BET YOU WOULD BE...
...BUT I WOULDN'T.

Ahh, WELCOME BACK, PRINCESS.
YOU'VE RETURNED TO THE PARTY JUST IN TIME FOR THE EVENING'S MAIN EVENT--
-- YOUR KIDNAPPING!
DADDY!
THE SERVANTS -- THEY'RE PIRATES IN DISGUISE!

UNHAND MY DAUGHTER, SCOUNDREL!
THE NAME IS CAPTAIN CUTLASS, M'LORD.
AND I SUGGEST YOU AND YOUR GUESTS REMAIN STILL -- OR I'LL HAVE MY MEN SKEWER THE WHOLE SCURVY LOT OF YOU!
CAPTAIN CUTLASS! HE'S THE MOST NOTORIOUS PIRATE SAILING THE SEVEN SEAS!
APPARENTLY, THE CAPTAIN AND HIS CREW HAVE DECIDED TO COME ASHORE -- AT LEAST LONG ENOUGH TO ATTEND YOUR PARTY.
I'LL SHOW THEM WHAT HAPPENS TO PEOPLE WITHOUT INVITATIONS..!

YOU LOOK THIRSTY --
-- HAVE SOME PUNCH!
SPLASHH
HEY--!
CLANNG
NICE TRY, BUT YOU MISSED!

PERHAPS YOU'LL SEE ME BETTER WITH MORE *LIGHT!*
NOT A *STEP* CLOSER, BOY --
-- OR ELSE THE PRETTY *PRINCESS* LOSES HER PRETTY *HEAD!*

YOU'VE WON, CUTLASS -- UNTIL *NEXT* TIME!
AFTER I'M THROUGH WITH *YOU*, BOY, THERE WON'T *BE* A NEXT TIME, I ASSURE YOU.
...THE LEGENDARY *GOLDEN WHEEL* OF *GLOWERHAVEN* -- THE JEWEL-ENCRUSTED *SHIP'S WHEEL* THAT HAS LONG BEEN THE *SYMBOL* OF THIS KINGDOM!
BUT THAT'S *IMPOSSIBLE!* THE WHEEL WAS *LOST* WHEN THE SHIP IT WAS ON *SANK* IN A *STORM!*
I *KNOW* -- AND I *ALSO* KNOW THAT ONE OF THE *ROYAL DIVERS* RECENTLY *DISCOVERED* THE SPOT WHERE IT RESTS ON THE OCEAN FLOOR!
BUT THE DIVER BARELY ESCAPED WITH HIS *LIFE!* THE TREASURE LIES ON *STINGRAY REEF!*

BUT FIRST THINGS *FIRST.*
KING HAROLD, I HAVE *NO* DESIRE TO DO *ANY HARM* TO YOUR BELOVED DAUGHTER.
BELIEVE ME, MY GREATEST DESIRE IS TO *RETURN* HER TO YOU, SAFE AND SOUND.
ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS GIVE ME A SMALL *TOKEN* IN *RETURN*...
ANY MAN *FOOLISH* ENOUGH TO TRY TO RECOVER THE WHEEL WOULD BE *RIPPED* TO *PIECES* BY THE *STINGRAYS* DOWN THERE!
IN *THAT* CASE, SAY GOODBYE TO YOUR LOVELY DAUGHTER. YOU'LL NEVER SEE HER *AGAIN!*
LOOKS LIKE THE *WEDDING* IS *OFF.*
IF ONLY *MARRYING* HER WAS MY *ONLY* DUTY AS PRINCE...

I'LL DO IT. I'LL GET YOU THE WHEEL.
ERIC?!
Ahh, THE BRAVE YOUNG PRINCE ERIC COMES TO THE RESCUE OF HIS BELOVED PRINCESS.
HOW TOUCHING!

COME ALONG, MEN! TO THE SHIP!
AND DON'T FORGET TO BRING ALONG OUR "GUESTS"!
HAR! HAR! HAR!

ONE MOMENT...
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?
TAKING SOME SNACKS FOR THE TRIP. IT MIGHT BE A LONG RIDE.

THE NEXT MORNING, AFTER CAPTAIN CUTLASS'S SHIP, THE BLACK DOG, HAS ARRIVED AT THE SITE OF THE SUNKEN TREASURE..
ARE YOU SURE YOU'LL BE SAFE IN THAT DIVING SUIT, ERIC?
YOUR FATHER ASSURED ME IT'S THE BEST ONE EVER DESIGNED BY HIS ROYAL MARINE SCIENTISTS, PENELOPE.
AS LONG AS THAT BELLOWS PUMPS AIR DOWN THE AIR HOSE AND THIS ROPE SUPPORTS MY WEIGHT, I SHOULD BE FINE.
COME ON, BOY! TIME'S A WASTING!
BE CAREFUL, ERIC.
NO, BE LUCKY, ERIC -- AND GET US THAT WHEEL!

I NEVER THOUGHT AN ACTUAL *CITY* WOULD BE DOWN HERE ON STINGRAY REEF!
BUT IT LOOKS LIKE IT'S BEEN *DESERTED* FOR THOUSANDS OF YEARS!

AND THERE'S THE *WHEEL!* IT'S *MAGNIFICENT!*
IT CERTAINLY LIVES UP TO ITS *REPUTATION!*
Uh-Oh -- SO DOES THE *NAME* OF THIS PLACE.
THEY SURE DO LOOK LIKE A *HUNGRY* BUNCH OF FISH!
LUCKILY, I CAME PREPARED...
...WITH A ACKFUL OF *ANDWICHES* FROM THE PARTY!
HOPE THEY LIKE *TURKEY!*

THIS SHOULD BE A *QUICKER VISIT* THAN I EXPECTED!
BYE, FELLAS.
HOPE YOU DON'T MIND IF I DON'T STAY FOR DESSERT...
...SINCE YOU MIGHT DECIDE *I'M* DESSERT!
*WELL DONE,* BOY. YOU'VE CERTAINLY LIVED UP TO *YOUR* END OF THE BARGAIN!

TOO BAD I WON'T LIVE UP TO MINE!
HAR! HAR! HAR!
ERIC!
HE'S CUT MY AIR HOSE AND SUPPORT ROPE! AND THIS SUIT'S SO HEAVY...
...I'LL SINK LIKE A STONE!

SO, YOU MISS YOUR HANDSOME YOUNG PRINCE ALREADY, DO YOU?
LADDIES, SEE THAT SHE AND THE BOY ARE REUNITED!
WHATEVER YOU SAY, CAP'N!
NO! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
NO!
SPLASHH

Oh-Oh... JUST WHEN I THOUGHT THINGS COULDN'T GET ANY WORSE...
...THEY *HAVE!*
I'LL GET HER OUT OF THESE *CHAINS!*

THAT'S IT, PENELOPE, SWIM TO THE SURFACE...
...AND AS SOON AS I GET THIS SUIT OFF...
...I'LL BE ABLE TO SWIM TO THE SURFACE... AND JOIN YOU...
...IF I... DON'T RUN OUT ...OF AIR...
...FIRRST...

SOON...
THANKS, GUYS! WE WOULDN'T HAVE MADE IT WITHOUT YOU!
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, PRINCESS?
Oh MY GOODNESS! WE'RE BEING ATTACKED BY STINGRAYS!
DON'T WORRY, PRINCESS. THESE STINGRAYS ARE FRIENDLY. THEY SAVED OUR LIVES.
BUT... WE CAN'T FLOAT HERE IN THE MIDDLE OF NOWHERE FOREVER.
WE HAVE TO GET BACK ON THAT SHIP SOMEHOW AND TAKE CARE OF THAT DOUBLE-CROSSING CAPTAIN CUTLASS!
ISN'T THAT THE END OF YOUR SUPPORT ROPE TRAILING FROM THE SHIP?
IT'S MORE THAN THAT -- IT'S OUR LIFELINE!

YES, I'M F! --
HANG ON, PRINCESS -- WE'RE GOING FOR A LITTLE RIDE!

THANKS AGAIN, GUYS -- I'LL SEE YOU AROUND!
I HOPE HE REMEMBERS TO BRING MORE SNACKS WHEN HE DOES!
YOU GOT THAT RIGHT, PATCH! YUMM!*
*WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT PATCH AND SCARFACE, THE STINGRAYS? TURN THE BOOK OVER AND READ "ARIEL'S STORY"!
WHAT DO WE DO NOW?
PAY THE CAPTAIN A VISIT. COME ON.
Shhh...

CAPTAIN CUTLASS, I THINK YOU *FORGOT* SOME-THING...
...NAMELY *US!*
*YOU!*
YOU SHOULD BOTH BE *FISH FOOD* BY NOW!

TURNS OUT THE STINGRAYS PREFER *TURKEY* TO *PEOPLE!*
*TURKEY?!* I'LL *CARVE* YOU *UP* LIKE A TURKEY!
I DON'T THINK YOU'LL BE DOING *ANY* CARVING...
...FOR A *LONG* TIME!

I WOULDN'T GET TOO CLOSE, FELLAS. IF THIS BLADE SLIPS --
-- THE GOOD CAPTAIN MIGHT BECOME STINGRAY BAIT!
DO WHAT HE SAYS! STAY BACK, YOU UNGRATEFUL SACKS OF SEAWEED!
STAY BACK!!!
YOU HEARD THE CAPTAIN, LADDIES. STEP AWAY.
THAT'S BETTER. NOW IF ONE OF YOU WOULD BE SO KIND AS TO TURN THIS VESSEL IN THE DIRECTION OF GLOWERHAVEN...
...I KNOW A CERTAIN FATHER WHO WOULD LIKE TO SEE HIS DAUGHTER AGAIN.

LATER THAT DAY...
PENELOPE! I WAS AFRAID I WOULD NEVER SEE YOU AGAIN!
AND YOU WOULDN'T HAVE, DADDY -- IF IT WASN'T FOR PRINCE ERIC!
I SEE YOU'VE BROUGHT ME SOME OTHER PRESENTS AS WELL...
...THE GOLDEN WHEEL OF GLOWER-HAVEN...
...AND CAPTAIN CUTLASS!
I AM CONFIDENT YOUR MAJESTY WILL FIND SUITABLE PLACES TO PUT THEM.
I ASSURE YOU, THEY WILL BOTH BE UNDER LOCK AND KEY!

YOU HAVE MY ETERNAL *GRATITUDE* FOR RESCUING MY DAUGHTER, YOUNG MAN.
HOW COULD I ALLOW *ANY* HARM TO COME TO THE WOMAN I'M GOING TO *MARRY?*
Hmm-- ARE YOU SURE YOU *STILL* WANT TO MARRY MY DAUGHTER?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN? EVERY-THING'S BEEN *ARRANGED.*
EXACTLY MY POINT. THIS MARRIAGE WAS *ARRANGED* TO KEEP THE *PEACE* BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. BUT AFTER WHAT YOU'VE DONE FOR GLOWERHAVEN TODAY, THERE'S *NO NEED* TO KEEP *THOSE* ARRANGEMENTS.
OUR COUNTRIES WILL *ALWAYS* BE FRIENDS, I ASSURE YOU.
IF YOU LOVE MY DAUGHTER, ERIC, THEN BY ALL MEANS, *MARRY* HER...WITH MY *BLESSING!*
BUT IF YOU *DON'T...* THEN YOU ARE FREE TO GO.
THAT IS VERY *KIND* OF YOU, KING HAROLD. *THANK* YOU.

PENELOPE, I... I'M NOT GOING TO MARRY YOU. I HAVE THE UTMOST *RESPECT* FOR YOU, BUT... I DON'T LOVE YOU.
I HOPE YOU *UNDERSTAND.*
*UNDERSTAND?* THIS IS THE FIRST *GOOD* THING TO HAPPEN TO ME SINCE MY FATHER TOLD ME WE WERE TO BE *ENGAGED!*
OUR MARRIAGE WOULD HAVE BEEN A *DISASTER!*
WE HAVE *NOTHING* IN COMMON!
EXCEPT PERHAPS FOR A NEW FONDNESS FOR *STINGRAYS.*
YOU'RE A *WONDERFUL* PERSON, PRINCE ERIC. I HOPE SOMEDAY YOU FIND THE *RIGHT* PERSON TO MARRY.
SOMEONE YOU *LOVE.*
AND I HOPE THE SAME FOR *YOU.* FAREWELL, PENELOPE.

SOON, AS PRINCE ERIC AND GRIMSBY SAIL BACK HOME...
WELL DONE, MY BOY. YOUR FATHER WILL BE PROUD OF YOU.
YOU'VE ACCOMPLISHED QUITE A LOT ON THIS JOURNEY.
EXCEPT FOR FINDING THE WOMAN OF MY DREAMS, GRIMSBY --
-- I'M STILL LOOKING FOR HER.
The End

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